

**DECLARATION AND POWER OF ATTORNEY FOR  
UTILITY PATENT APPLICATION**

As a below named inventor, I hereby declare that:

My residence, post office address, and citizenship are as stated below next to my name;

I believe I am the original, first, and sole inventor (if only one name is listed below) or an original, first, and joint inventor (if plural names are listed below) of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a utility patent is sought on the invention entitled:

COMPOSITE CAT LITTER GRANULE CONTAINING  
ENTRAPPED SMALL SIZE SILICA GEL PARTICLES

the specification of which

(check one) ☐ is attached hereto; ☐

☒ was filed on July 1, 2003  
Application Serial No. 10/611,350  
and was amended on \_\_\_\_\_  
(if applicable)

I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment referred to above;

I acknowledge the duty to disclose information which is material to the examination of this application in accordance with Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, § 1.56(a).

I hereby claim foreign priority benefits under Title 35, United States Code, § 119 of any foreign application(s) for patent or inventor's certificate listed below and have also identified below any foreign application for patent or inventor's certificate having a filing date before that of the application on which priority is claimed:

Prior Foreign Application(s):

NONE

I hereby claim the benefit under Title 35, United States Code, § 120 of any United States application(s) or PCT international application(s) designating the United States of America that is/are listed below and, insofar as the subject of each of the claims of this application is not disclosed in that/those prior application(s) in the manner provided by the first paragraph of Title 35, United States Code § 112, I acknowledge the duty to disclose information that is material to the examination of this application, namely, information where there is a substantial likelihood that a reasonable examiner would consider it important in deciding whether to allow the application to issue as a patent, which occurred between the filing date of the prior application(s) and the national or PCT international filing date of this application:

<u>09/878,725</u> (Application Serial No.)	<u>06/06/2001</u> (Filing Date)	<u>Pending</u> (Status)
<u>60/210,813</u> (Application Serial No.)	<u>06/09/2000</u> (Filing Date)	<u>Converted</u> (Status)

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